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Celebrate the Season Downtown During Winter Fun Week: Feb 1 – Feb 7

January 26, 2015 – The Mansfield Downtown Partnership invites residents to shake off those winter blues and head downtown for Winter Fun Week: Sunday, February 1 through Saturday, February 7. This program highlights a wide range of activities and events taking place in Downtown Storrs. There are events for children, adults, families, and students. Some are free, some require tickets, and all are fun!

A full schedule of events kicks off on Sunday, February 1 on a dramatic note with a matinee performance of *Cinderella* by the E. O. Smith High School Drama Association at 2:00 pm at E. O. Smith High School. Then, at 3:00 pm, UConn Opera Theater presents performances of Ravel's *The Enchanted Child* and Britten's *Noah's Flood* at the Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts.

The fun continues with musical performances, the Town of Mansfield Parks and Recreation Department's annual Father-Daughter Valentine's Dance, a puppet slam, sales and specials at downtown businesses, and more throughout the week. On Saturday, February 7, the UConn Alumni Association invites residents and visitors of all ages to enjoy the Storrs Center Stroll from 1:00 to 5:00 pm. Participating businesses will have open houses, sales, and specials and will play host to various UConn alumni and student performing groups. This event is free and open to the public.

Full events listings for each day and other information are available on the Mansfield Downtown Partnership's website (winterfunweek.wordpress.com). Events may continue to be added, so residents are encouraged to check the website frequently for the most up-to-date information.

Visitors to Storrs Center may park in the Storrs Center parking garage. The first two hours in the garage are free; additional time is one dollar per hour (daily maximum charge of \$8).

For information about Winter Fun Week, please contact the Mansfield Downtown Partnership (mdp@mansfieldct.org or 860.429.2740) or visit winterfunweek.wordpress.com.